

## STREETS OF LONDON

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Who the security concious firm was that turned to perfin, and wished to include a reference to their address in their perfin die, it has not been possible to determine with any accuracy.

A check of listings published by Charles Jennings and others, reveals that the earliest plate number known, the perfin of which falls into this category is : C&B/SOHO on plate 86. This is followed by MOON/RtSt on plate 107 and J&G/OXST on plate 117.

As has been shown in a previous article (0258) these early plates when off cover do not prove early usage. What is certain however, is that the addresses whether in complete or abbreviated form were to be seen very sooh after the introduction of perfin in 1868.

In this somewhat incomplete study the various versions have been divided into five groups.

### Group 1. Full Name

CROSSE & BLACKWELL LTD., 20-21 SOHO SQUARE, W.

96.1	C&B/SOHO	8,14,15/10,10,12,10	4mm	(I)
96.2	C&B/SOHO	8,12,13/10,10,12,10	4½mm	(IIIa)
96.3	C&B/SOHO	8,14,14/10,10,12,10	4½/5mm	(I)

GEORGE TUTHILL, 83, CITY ROAD, E.C.

471	TUTHILL/LONDON	6,8,6,4,6,6/6,8,10,9,8,10	2½mm	
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### Group 2. Abbreviated

COOK, SON & Co, (ST.PAULS), LTD., 22-26, ST. PAULS CHURCHYARD EC.

698	CS/&C°/SP	8,10/13,8,6/10,10	4½mm	(III)
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GWYNNE & COMPANY, ESSEX STREET, W.C.

107	G&C°/SXST	10,14,8,6/10,9,10,5	4mm	(I)
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NOTE:- The abbreviation of ESSEX to SX was an extremely usual post office practice. One of the first illustrations of its use can be seen in the Public Record Office, where it can be found on the early informative slogan handstamp of 1675, which tells about the regularity of the posts along the Essex Road.

JACKSON & GRAHAM, OXFORD STREET, W.

321	J&G/OXST	9,14,10/10,9,10,5	4mm	(I)
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PARKINS & GOTTO, OXFORD STREET, W.

221.1	P&G/OXST	9,14,10/10,9,10,5	4mm	(I)
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Unknown.

614	J.P/GKST	7,9/10,9,10,6	4mm	
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Unknown continued.

167	M&C <sup>o</sup> /OXST	17,12,8,6/10,5,10,5	3½mm	(I)
431	MOON/RTST	15,10,10,13/11,5,10,5	4mm	
118	W&C <sup>E</sup> ./HANS <sup>T</sup> .	15,14,8,?/12,10,13,10,?	5/6,4½,4½,6	(III)

### Group 3. Abbreviations & Numbers

HARDYMAN & COMPANY, 2, CROSBY SQUARE, E.C.

165	H&C/2.C.Sq	10,13,8,6/11,8,11,8	4mm	(III)
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### Group 4. Letters & Numbers

BARCLAY & SONS LTD., 95, FARRINGDON STREET, E.C.

692.1	B&S/95	13,12,10/10,10	4½mm	(IIIa)
692.2	B&S/95	13,12,10/11,10	4½/5½mm	(IIIa)

COOK, SON & COMPANY, 22, ST. PAULS CHURCHYARD, E.C.

17	22/CSC	10,10/8,10,8	5/4½mm	
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HENRY BARNES, 2, QUEEN STREET PLACE, E.C.

96	HB/2.QSP	(22)/10,12,10,11	4½mm	
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PONTINGS, KENSINGTON HIGH STREET, W. '.

523.1	P/W8	10/12,10	5½/4½mm	
523.2	P/W8	9/14,14	5½mm	
523.3	P/W8	10/14,12	5½mm	

THOMAS J. ALLMAN, 463, OXFORD STREET, W.

257	T.J.A/463	7,9,10/10,11,10	4/4½mm	
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THOMAS HOLLOWAY 533, OXFORD STREET, W.

41	533/TH	12,12,12/7,11	4½/5½mm	
42	533/T.H	9,10,10/7,12	3½/4mm	

Unknown.

698a	CSC/22	8,10,8/10,10	4½mm	
372	G.N.5	10,13,10	4½mm	
164	H&Co/2,C.S	12,14,8,6/10,8,10	4½	(III)
519	L&S/52	7,14,10/10,10	4/5mm	(I)
520	L&S/66	7,14,10/11,11	4/5mm	(I)
37	47/PS	10,7/10,10	5mm	
71	9/RvG	11/13,7,10	4½/4½,3,4½mm	
233.1	TH/78	7,12/7,12	4½mm (11½ wide)	
233.1a	TH/78	7,12/7,12	4½mm (9½ wide)	
233.2	TH/78	7,12/7,12	5½/4½mm	
234	TH/113	7,11/5,5,10	5½/5mm	

Group 5. Numbers only

SHEPPEY GLUE & CHEMICAL WORKS LTD., 34, MARK LANE, E.C.3.

27.1	34	11,10	7½mm
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Unknown.

43	57	10,7	7mm
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NOTES:

Some of the above will form the bulk of Section 6 of the Full Name Catalogue.

Although every effort has been made to omit the perfins used by the medical profession and governmental bodies, some of the unknown users might be part of those categories.

Previous articles that have a bearing on the above are:

0258	Mar/April 1978	(174)	6
0270	Jan/Feb 1978	(173)	6

The unknowns merit their inclusion on the strength of the London postmarks recorded.